Fcodgrains Production Target

25C. SHRIMATi SUDHA VIJAY JSHI: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

fa) the target of foodgrains produc-on fixed for the current financial ear;

(h) whether the target is expected be fulfilled: and

' (c) whether there are prospects ofthe above target being exceeded and lmpjorts of foodgrains sapped altoge- ther in view of the good seasonal rains hte 'country got in the recent months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The target of foodgrains production for 1933-89 is 166.57 million tonnes.

(bl Yes, Sir.

(C) Favourable weather conditions will help in maximising foodgrain production. The Government is keeping a close watch on the food situation *in* the country and keeps open the option to import the foodgrains as and when considered necessary.

Bot'y for providing speedy relief for Natural Calamities

21.1, KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

fa) whether there is any permanent body functioning in the country to provide speedy relief to the people in different parts of the country when natural disasters like floods, famines, etc. occur: and

(lb) if so. the details thereof; and if not, whether Government contemplate to Iset up such a body with adequate funds to tackle natural disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) It is the responsibility of the State Government concerned to provide necessary relief to the natural calamity affected people in their State. All the State governments have been allocated annual margin money for the purpose in case the States incur an expenditure over and above the margin money, they can submit memoranda seeking central assistance for this purpose. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in the Centre acts as a nodal authority in the matter of providing speedy Central assistance to the natural calamity affected people.

Implementation of Anti-Poverty Programmes in Orissa

252. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) what are the various major anti-poverty programmes under implementation in Orissa;

(b) whether they are meant for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) if so. the number of SC & ST families benefited under these programmes (juring the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) (a) and (b) Major anti-poverty programmes under implementation for socioeconomic development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes taken up in Orissa are—

1. Integrated Rural Development Programme;

2. Economic Rehabilitation of Rural Poor;

3. Assistance to Small & Marginal Farmers;

4. Release and Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers;